

Capital Improvement Planning Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Gala Meeting Room, Town Hall

40 South Street

Foxborough, MA 02035

5:30 PM

Attendance: Sue Dring, Bill Keegan, Roger Hill, Amy Berdos were all present. Absent: David Feldman. Also present: Randy Scollins, Bill Yukna, Roger Hatfield and Mike Kelleher

Bill Keegan convened the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

Mr. Keegan indicated that there were two items for consideration before the Committee that evening. The first was the purchase of a new Ladder Truck for the Fire Department and the second was to consider the addition and reconstruction of the Burrell School.

The first agenda item was the Ladder Truck. Fire Chief Roger Hatfield and Deputy Fire Chief Michael Kelleher presented the item before the Committee. Chief Hatfield indicated that he was very pleased to report that his Department was the recipient of a federal grant in the amount of \$810,000 that could be used for the purchase of a new Ladder truck for his Department. This truck would replace the existing ladder truck in their fleet. The existing Ladder truck was due to be replaced in the next three years but this grant has allowed the Department to move that time line up. A question was asked by Roger Hill as to what would the Department would do with the existing truck. The Chief responded that it was a condition of the grant that it could not be put back into service in the continental United States because the purpose of the grant was to retire an old piece of equipment and to take it out of service. The cost of purchasing a new vehicle is approximately \$1,060,000 dollars. The Chief and the Finance Director are recommending that the balance needed to meet the appropriation for the truck by funded through the Ambulance Receipts Account.

Mr. Keegan asked the Committee if there were any further questions on this item. There being none, Mr. Keegan asked for a Motion. Motion made by Roger Hill to recommend that the sum of \$250,000 be appropriated from the Ambulance Receipts account to be used as a match with the federal grant to purchase a new Ladder Truck for the Fire Department. Seconded by Amy Berdos, Vote: 4 in favor, none opposed.

The second agenda item was to consider the reconstruction and addition(s) planned for the Burrell School. Bill Yukna, Chairman of the School Building Committee presented this project before the Board. Mr. Yukna had several display Boards that he utilized for his presentation. This project has actually evolved out of a feasibility study that had been performed over a year earlier. He indicated that the project has been needed for several years but this year the Town has received preliminary approval from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. This

means that approximately 50% of the project will be reimbursable from the State. The project will include the construction of a new gymnasium and several new class rooms and the remainder of the building will be fully upgraded and refinished. The plan is to get the authorization to borrow done at this Town Meeting, finalize all the plans and go out for final bids in the Spring of 2019 and start construction in the Fall of 2019 with an estimated completion date of September of 2021. The Committee asked how the project will be constructed and will the students have to be relocated. Mr. Yukna said that the plan is to build the new gymnasium and classrooms first, move all the students into the new areas and then finish the remaining portions of the building. In short, the students will not be displaced during construction and will remain at the school. However, the Building Committee plans to make good use of the vacation periods and the Summer break to complete large portions of the construction. Mr. Yukna indicated that this was not the first time they have approached projects this way. He said it is disruptive and inconvenient at times but the school will remain functional throughout the construction phase.

Mr. Keegan asked if there were any further questions from the Committee. There being none, has asked for a Motion. Roger Hill made a motion to recommend the Burrell School addition and renovation project for bonding authorization. Seconded by Sue Dring. Vote: 4 in favor, none opposed.

There being no further action for consideration by the Committee, Roger Hill made a motion to adjourn, Amy Berdos seconded it. Vote: 4 in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.